

FOREIGN NEWS.

LEADING TOPICS IN DISTANT LANDS.

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The illness of M. Gambetta has taken an unfavorable turn, the physicians have decided that he is suffering from an abscess in the peri-intestinal region. The jury in the libel suit of Belt against Lawes, in London, brought in a verdict yesterday for the plaintiff. A tall chimney in Bradford, England, fell yesterday, killing thirty-six mill operatives, mostly women and children, and injuring fifty others. Floods have again occurred in the valley of the Rhine; much damage has also been caused in England by heavy rains. Mr. Gladstone has been slightly ill recently. A disaster to a steamer in the Clarence River, New South Wales, resulted in the loss of the passengers and crew.

GAMBETTA TROUBLED WITH AN ABSCESS.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—M. Gambetta passed a good night. His fever has entirely disappeared. Notwithstanding M. Gambetta's good night, his friends seem more troubled about him than at any time since he was wounded. M. Gambetta's spirits are good, but his physicians fear the formation of abscesses in the stomach.

Later information establishes the fact that M. Gambetta has an abscess. Four physicians went to his residence, at Ville d'Avray, to-day, to examine whether it can be lanced, so as to permit an external discharge.

The *Times* says that M. Gambetta's ailment is inflammation of the cellular tissue including the caecum of the intestine. Such inflammations result in a puerile condition, and are naturally, and make necessary the piercing of the abscess.

The four physicians who went to see M. Gambetta held a consultation with the doctors of Ville d'Avray in attendance on the patient. The opinion was that the abscess was in the peri-intestinal region, and that an operation was unnecessary, as the disease was following a normal course. Another consultation will take place on Saturday. The *Times* says that M. Gambetta's condition is such that he will be speedily restored to health.

Midnight. A French reporter mentions that the condition of M. Gambetta is unchanged. It is reported that an operation will be performed on Saturday.

KILLED BY THE FALL OF A CHIMNEY.

BRADFORD, Eng., Dec. 28.—A tall chimney fell this morning upon a building full of operatives, twenty-four of whom were killed and forty seriously injured.

Later—Thirty-six persons are now known to have been killed, and fifty others injured, mostly women and children. Owing to the amount of debris, the exact number of the killed cannot be learned for two or three days. The total damage is estimated at over £200,000. About 2,000 persons are thrown out of employment, eight mills, having fine connections with the demolished chimney, being brought to a standstill.

FLOODS IN GERMANY AND ENGLAND.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—The Rhine and its tributaries from the Lake of Constance to Cologne continue to rise rapidly. Many bridges and banks of dams have been destroyed. A bridge near Lorrach, in Baden, gave way and twenty persons were drowned. The river has overflowed its banks at Passau, and the Danube has overflowed in Upper Austria.

COLOGNE, Dec. 28.—There seems to be a ceaseless down-pour of rain. The Rhine has risen ninety centimetres during the night, flooding the lower town and part of the quay. Frankfurt-on-Main is flooded. At Mannheim the river Neckar has risen considerably, and the farmers and soldiers are ordered to be ready to assist the population.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A recent rainfall has caused floods in the Midland counties. There is great mortality among the flocks of sheep in Northamptonshire, Nottinghamshire and Leicestershire.

MR. GLADSTONE'S HEALTH.

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SUICIDE OF BARON VON WINTERFELD.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A dispatch from Berlin to the *Morning Post* reports that Adjutant Baron von Winterfeldt, aid-de-camp to the Emperor, has shot himself.

WRECK AND HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 28.—The steamer New England was totally wrecked in the Clarence River the 24th instant. The passengers and crew were drowned.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—A St. Petersburg dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "The Chief of Ordnance has ordered O. Herr von Krupp, of Essen, all the guns required by the Army Reserve. The German Government raised no objection to the execution of the order."

A DISPATCH TO THE DAILY NEWS FROM BERLIN.

It is definitely settled that the German railways to the Russian frontier will be soon completed.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—M. de Salmour, Russian Ambassador at Berlin, and Prince Orloff, Russian Ambassador at Paris, have been summoned to St. Petersburg.

It is reported that the latter, during his return journey, will visit Prince Bismarck.

A FRENCH DEPUTY EAGER FOR A DUEL.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—In the course of the debate in the Chamber of Deputies, yesterday, on the Tunis credits, M. Gaudard accused the *Republique Francaise* of carrying on "a stockjobbing campaign" in favor of the Tunisian loan. M. Thomson, member for Constantine, Algeria, declared this to be an untrue statement. The seconds of M. Gaudard have been sent to M. Thomson.

STRANDED WHILE IN AN EXPRESS TRAIN.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A man named Lethu has been found strangled in a compartment of an express train running from Nice to Marseilles. The motive of the crime was robbery.

THE AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR ATTACKED.

ROME, Dec. 28.—A man threw a stone at the Austrian Ambassador to the Vatican, near the Castle of St. Angelo, to-day. He was arrested and said that he was starving and was unaware of the Ambassador's identity.

FRENCH INTERESTS ABROAD.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—The Chamber of Deputies has almost unanimously adopted the vote of credit for the expedition of M. de Brazza to Africa.

CAPTURE OF SLAVE TRADERS.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Majesty's ship *Comore* has captured eight slave dhows off the Zanzibar Islands on the east coast of Africa.

PERSECUTING JEWS IN RUSSIA AGAIN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—Complaints in regard to the treatment of the Jews are again appearing in the newspapers. It is stated that the railway companies have ordered the discharge of their Jewish employees. The Pretect of St. Petersburg has ordered that no indulgence shall be shown to Jews living in the capital without official leave. The Senate has decided that no court can authorize the transfer of land to a Jew.

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